

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2417
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2006
TRAIN BETWEEN DELHI MANMAD KOPARGAON
Athawale Shri Ramdas

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce a special superfast express from Delhi to Manmad/Kopergaon on a daily basis and increase reservation quota for all classes in all the trains running on this route and provide stoppage time of at least five minutes for all trains at Kopergaon in view of increasing number of devotees visiting world famous Saibaba Dham Shirdi in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present. However, stoppage of 2779/2780 Vasco-Hazrat Nizamuddin Goa Express at Kopergaon is being provided from 15.12.2006 on an experimental basis for six months. Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) facility is available in Delhi as well as Kopergaon station on temple premises of Sai Baba Dham Shirdi. Devotees can use this facility to book tickets in any train in any class on first come first served basis.

(c): Operational and resource constraints.